GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Acid Attack on Women and Girls
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of acid attacks on women and girls have been reported and if so, the total number of women/girl /children injured/died, guilty arrested, convicted and the action taken against the guilty persons
separately during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons behind such increase;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) the details of advisories issued to the States to stop such cases including tightening of laws and provision for monetary and social protection to such victims?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): As per information received from National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 85, 128 and 137 cases of acid attacks on women were reported in the country during 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. As per data collected from States/UTs, State/UT wise cases registered, number of victims, cases chargesheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested, persons chargesheeted and persons convicted under acid attack on women (section 326A IPC) during 2012-2014 is enclosed at Annexure-I. The information on acid attacks on children and injured or deaths of victims under acid attack is not maintained separately.
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(b) & (c): As per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations.

(d): States and UTs were advised to take appropriate action on implementation of Section 166B of the IPC which deals with punishment for non-treatment of victims. In order to augment the implementation of State Victim Compensation Scheme, a decision has been taken to set up a Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVFC) with an initial corpus of Rs. 200 cr which is meant for tackling crime/violence against women. A provision is stipulated to provide special financial assistance upto Rs 5.00 lakhs to the victims of acid attack to meet treatment expenses over and above the compensation paid by the respective States/UT Administrations.

The detailed guidelines are available at

http://www.mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/CVCFFuideliness_141015.pdf

Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an advisory dated 30th Aug 2013 on Measures to be taken to prevent acid attacks on people and for treatment and rehabilitation of survivors and another advisory dated 20th April 2015 on expediting cases of Acid Attack on women. which are available at

http://www.mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/AdvisoryAfterSupremeCourtOrderInLaxmCase_Short.pdf

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